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Comments: I am in strong opposition to the Jellico Vegetation Management Project #63037. I urge the USDA Forest Service to consider more ecologically friendly and sustainable ways to manage this area. We must not choose management options that adversely affect endangered wildlife populations, increase the risk of landslides and other destructive effects of further destabilizing already unstable topsoil and removes carbon sequestering trees in a time of increasing global climate change. There must be consideration to manage our public lands without further destruction but with innovative solutions that will not further push our land and environment into devastation. Lastly, with increased severe weather event due to a warming global climate, we cannot clear land that would once protect the ecosystem and soil health of the area. A cleared area simply cannot withstand the erosion that comes with extreme weather and thus inevitably worsening the ecological health of the area. Thank you for your time and consideration of this public comment.